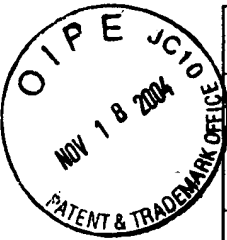
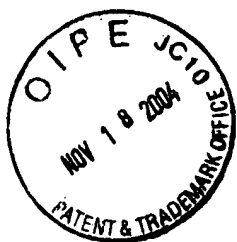


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Applicant(s): Norio Kanetsuki et al.					
Invention: PLASMA PROCESSING METHOD					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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<u>David A. Tucker</u> David A. Tucker Attorney Reg. No.: 27,840 EDWARDS & ANGELL, LLP P.O. Box 55874 Boston, Massachusetts 02205 (617) 439-4444				Dated: <u>November 18, 2004</u>	
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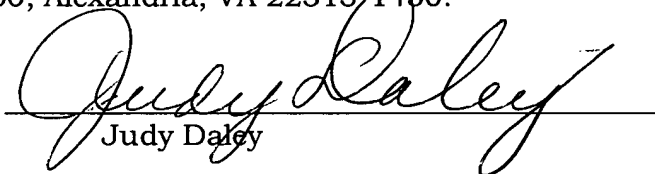
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in the above-captioned application dated 10 November 2004, Applicants are resubmitting hereinbelow their Amendment originally filed on 26 October 2004 wherein the status identifier associated with New Claims 18 and 19 has been changed from "(New Claim)" to "(New)" pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121.

Applicants respectfully submit that this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment brings the Amendment originally filed on 26 October 2004 into full compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action currently outstanding with respect to the above-identified case, please amend the subject application as follows: